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October at HACA Means It's Time for National Night Out!

Fall is a time for pumpkin spice, changing leaves and (sometimes) cooler weather. At HACA, fall also means it's time for National Night Out.

Please join us in this October tradition by turning on your porch lights, locking your doors, and spending time outdoors getting to know local police officers, firefighters, EMS paramedics and other community partners in an effort to reduce crime.

HACA's 18 properties will host National Night Out events on the evening of Oct. 4. Check the schedule (at right) for details. These parties will feature food, games, T-shirts and prizes for residents who attend. In addition, HACA has selected the winner of the "What Home Means to Me" Poster Contest: 10-year-old Sadeq Altameemi from Santa Rita Courts. Sadeq will be presented with a \$50 Walmart gift card!

Established in 1981 by the National Association of Town Watch & National Night Out, the movement unites 38 million people in more than 16,000 communities across 50 states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community relations
- Show criminals neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Help HACA send a clear message that our neighborhoods are united against crime!

National Night Out 2016 Schedule

5:30-7:30 p.m.: Georgian; Northgate; Goodrich/Manchaca II/Manchaca Village/Shadowbend; Coronado; Rosewood/Salina; Santa Rita; and Bouldin Oaks

6-8 p.m.: Chalmers; Meadowbrook; BTW; Lakeside; Gaston; Thurmond; and North Loop



19th Annual FSS & Homeownership Luncheon

HACA and Austin Pathways will host “Sources of Our Strength,” the agency’s 19th Annual Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Homeownership Recognition Luncheon, at 11 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Hilton Austin. This year’s emcee, Austin Board of Realtors President Paul Hilgers, will help us honor more than 20 FSS graduates and six homeowners, as well as four homeowners who have reached the five-year homeownership milestone.

HACA’s FSS program equips residents with the tools and knowledge they need to achieve housing and financial independence. Services include education, workforce, health and life-skills programs, bolstered by access to child care, transportation and other support. Participants accrue escrow savings funds as their earned income increases, which are then used to support education, homeownership, debt repayment or

other self-sufficiency goals. To date, more than 200 participants have graduated from the FSS Program. For more information about joining FSS, contact Andrea Smith at (512) 589-7532 or email andreas@hacanet.org.

The Homeownership Program, provided through the Austin Affordable Housing Corporation (AAHC), provides services including Down Payment Assistance to aid residents with \$10,000 toward a down payment and closing costs on a home. In addition, an in-house financing and an affordable stock of homes is available through AAHC’s Community Land Trust. HACA has helped 100 families become homeowners since 2004. For more information about the Down Payment Assistance Program, contact Suzanne Schwertner at (512) 477-4488 ext. 2118 or email suzannes@hacanet.org.



Former HCV Clients Buy a Home Just in Time for Their Birthdays

Craven and Tiffany Phipps celebrated this year’s birthday as homeowners. The couple recently closed on a three-bedroom house in Manor, Texas between their respective birthdays on Sept. 11 and Sept. 21, after receiving help from HACA nonprofit subsidiary the Austin Affordable Housing Corporation (AAHC). The Phipps’ are the 100th homeowners since 2004 to buy a place of their own through AAHC’s Down Payment Assistance Program.

“Owning a home gives us a sense of accomplishment,” Tiffany Phipps said. “Owning a home will give me the space to expand my business, provide stability for our children, and we can officially say we have put our roots down here in Austin!”

Happy birthday Tiffany and Craven and congratulations on your new home!



Fire Department Answers Residents' Burning Safety Questions

Austin Fire Department Lt. Kelly Knobloch and his fellow firefighters with the Rundberg Engine last month made the rounds at HACA public housing communities. Knobloch and his team shared with residents information about the agency's existing smoke alarms and the upcoming installation of carbon monoxide units in all public housing apartments. The new carbon monoxide units are part of the improvements planned under the Rental Assistance Demonstration, or RAD. For more information about these and other improvements, call the RAD hotline at 1-(844) HACA-RAD or visit www.hacarad.org.



HACA Welcomes Jobs Plus Community Liaisons at Chalmers

Three Chalmers Courts residents were recently named Jobs Plus Community Liaisons. Maria Ramirez Martinez, Tiffany Wilson and Mary Apostolou, will talk with their neighbors, share information about the Jobs Plus program, and encourage participants to meet their educational and career goals. If you are interested in becoming a Jobs Plus participant or Community Liaison, please contact Kate Levell at (512) 477-4488 ext. 3415.

Ready for New Adventures



What's as pretty as a Daisy, as sweet as a Brownie, and as loyal as a Cadette? A Girl Scout, of course! Several young ladies in the HACA Girl Scout Troop at Booker T. Washington recently participated in an annual Bridging Ceremony, when girls in the organization get together to celebrate each other's achievements and new responsibilities, as they move from one level of Girl Scouts to the next. Congratulations, girls, and best of luck on your new adventures! For more information about how your child can join Girl Scouts, contact your ROSS specialist.

GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Are you reading One Voice? For a chance to win a \$10 gift card, call (512) 477-4488 ext. 2601, and leave a message with your name, phone number, property name and unit number. Mention your Halloween costume. The first 15 callers will be entered into a drawing to win one of 10 gift cards. Contest open only to public housing residents.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HACA Administration	(512) 477-4488
Resident Call Center	(888) 842-4484
Maintenance Work Orders	(512) 477-8518
Section 8/Housing Choice	(512) 477-1314
Fire/Police	911
Non-Emergency Police	311
Poison Center	(800) 222-1222
Quit Smoking	(877) 937-7848
RAD Hotline	(844) HACA-RAD

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All submissions must include a name and phone number to be considered. Copy may be edited because of space limitations.

OUR MISSION & VISION

To cultivate sustainable affordable housing communities and partnerships that inspire self-reliance, growth and optimism. We envision neighborhoods where poverty is alleviated, communities are healthy and safe, and all people can achieve their full potential.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Rent due
2	3 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	4 National Night Out	5 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ Lakeside	6	7	8
9	10 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	11	12 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ Lakeside	13 Resident Council Gaston 1:30 p.m.	14	15
16	17 Resident Council Thurmond 1 p.m. Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	18 Resident Council BTW 11:30 a.m.	19 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ Lakeside	20	21 HACA Board Meeting Noon @ Thurmond	22
23	24 Meadowbrook/ Bouldin RC 1 p.m. Halloween	25	26 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ Lakeside	27 Resident Council Rosewood/Salina, Shadowbend, Man. Village, Man. II, Goodrich 11 a.m.	28	29
30	31					